



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** **DATE: JULY 28, 2015**  
**FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT** **WARDS: ALL**  
**SUBJECT: BID NO. 7332 – MEDIAN TREE IRRIGATION PROJECT – REJECT ALL BIDS**

## **ISSUE:**

The issue for City Council consideration is to reject all bids and release the related bid bonds received for the installation of drip-line irrigation system to water the existing median trees at various locations throughout the City.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council reject all bids and release the related bid bonds received for Bid No. 7332 – Median Tree Irrigation Project (Project).

## **BACKGROUND:**

In response to the call for increased water conservation by the State Water Resources Control Board and the Governor's office, numerous agencies statewide have adopted new policies and programs to address the challenges of increasing drought conditions. On April 1, 2015, California Governor Jerry Brown, in an executive order, directed a statewide mandatory 25 percent water use reduction which included eliminating the use of potable water for turfed median dividers. This Project will eliminate operation of the existing overhead irrigation for the median turf and will install new drip-line irrigation for the existing median trees only. The resulting work will also allow for the future removal of the existing median turf to be replaced by drought tolerant plantings.

On July 2, 2015, four bids were received for the construction of the Project. The bids ranged from \$294,344 to \$496,380 (Attachment 1). However, due to not satisfying the registration requirements for the California Department of Industrial Relations, the first and second low bidders were determined to be non-responsive.

The Public Works Department has decided to modify the Project scope to include the removal of the existing median turf and installation of new drought tolerant planting in certain locations subject to funding availability as well as revising the drip-line irrigation system to allow for the new planting. Therefore, the Public Works Department recommends that the City Council reject all bids, release all related bid bonds and direct the Public Works Department to revise the bid documents and re-advertise the Project.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendation above.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the rejection of the bids.

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Attachment:	Bid Rejection Recommendation